

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, December 13, 2019/Agrahayana 22, 1941 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers;  
Commerce and Industry; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution;  
Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food Processing Industries;  
Panchayati Raj; Railways; Rural Development; Skill  
Development and Entrepreneurship)

Total number of questions — 160

#### MSP for Rabi crops

2881. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has announced MSP for all Rabi crops which is in tune to increase farmers income by 1.5 times the cost of production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Delay in settlement of claims under PMFBY

2882. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of success achieved by Government in implementation of Pradhan

Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in the State of Assam;

(b) the number of farmers insured under the scheme in Assam;

(c) the types of crops for which insurance has been sought thereunder and the amount of insurance disbursed till date in this regard;

(d) whether Government is aware that farmers, on an average, have to wait for 18 months for settlement of claims; and

(e) if so, the extent to which delay in payment of premium by Central and State Governments is contributing to delays in settling of claims?

#### Awareness on traditional farming

2883. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to create awareness among

the farmers for cultivating traditional crops across the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has undertaken a task in this regard so that the farmers take keen interest in cultivating traditional crops; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Establishment of soil testing laboratories**

†2884. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of farmers who have been provided Soil Health Cards so far under Soil Health Management Scheme to enhance the agriculture production across the country;

(b) the number of soil health testing laboratories established for the testing of soil in various States in the country including Bihar; and

(c) the number of farmers who opted for soil testing in the various districts of the country during the last three years, State-wise details thereof?

#### **Achievements under e-NAM Scheme**

†2885. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers in the country connected with National Agriculture Market Scheme/Online Mandi (e-NAM) at present;

(b) the number of farmers of Madhya Pradesh connected with e-NAM at present;

(c) whether all agricultural produce markets located in various States of the country have to be included as one centre

under e-NAM and whether the achievements made so far in this direction is as per the targets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Scheme for landless farmers and labourers**

2886. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of landless farmers in the country, State-wise, especially in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government proposes to formulate any special scheme to safeguard the interest of landless farmers and labourers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which the scheme is likely to be formulated by Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Combine harvesters-cum-straw management system**

2887. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that availability of combine harvesters-cum-straw management system, seed drillers, rotary harvesters is still inaccessible to many farmers with landholdings of less than 5 acres or those not rich enough to invest in such machines;

(b) if so, the schemes/measures that have been taken up by Government to provide aid for the same, the details thereof,

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State/ UT-wise, since the inception of such schemes; and

(c) whether Government has studied the impact of such schemes, if so, the effect of the same on the farmers, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise, since the inception of such schemes?

**Roadmap to address the problems of farmers in Maharashtra**

2888. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that consistent droughts and unseasonal rains have rendered the farmers of Maharashtra distressed and debt ridden which is the main reason for them to commit suicides;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to put in place a roadmap to effectively address the problems of farmers of Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Introduction of new Scheme for Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)**

2889. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is contemplating to set up a fund to nurture the Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the facilities being provided to farmers under this scheme?

**Difference in premium collected and claims paid under PMFBY**

2890. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of

AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of percentage of total crop area covered under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, State-wise; and

(b) the details of premium for crop insurance collected and claims paid during 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, State-wise along with the difference in premium collected and claims settled?

**One market one price system**

2891. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM);

(b) if so, the present status of linking Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) mandis (markets) in different States with e-NAM;

(c) the total number of mandis and/or markets which have been linked with e-NAM, State-wise and the result achieved thereof; and

(d) the plan of Government to implement 'one market one price' system in the country?

**Drought mitigation mechanisms**

2892. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a best

practice mechanism to share data on drought mitigation mechanism between States;

(b) whether Government has data also on completed Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessments by States;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has prepared specific plans to facilitate the transfer of information and coordination relating to drought mitigation mechanisms among States?

**Promoting use of organic manure under Sub Mission on Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine**

2893. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government, under its Sub Mission on Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine, is promoting the use of organic manure for crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of trainers and the number of farmers who have been trained under the Sub Mission, State/UT-wise, including district-wise details of Haryana; and

(d) the amount of fund that has been allocated and utilised for the Sub Mission in the last two years, State/UT-wise, including Haryana?

**Irregularities in NAFED stores**

2894. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that irregularities

are found at various NAFED stores in the country;

(b) whether most of the items available in the Stores, particularly the one located in Pocket-8, Sector-23B, Dwarka, New Delhi, are local/cheap items and customers are not at all aware of the rates of the items and the store overcharges from the customers for various items; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action being taken in this regard?

**Setting up of expert committee for second Green Revolution**

2895. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to start second Green Revolution to increase the production of foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any expert committee has been constituted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the terms of reference of the committee?

**Provision of identity card for farmers**

2896. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide identity card to farmers at par with other professions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there is any other measure to identify farmers and recognise their service?

**MSP or FRP for Rajasthan-specific crops**

2897. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to bring Rajasthan-specific crops, such as cluster bean, moth, cowpea, cumin, coriander, garlic, isabgol, castor, aloe vera and mehandi, within the ambit of Minimum Support Price (MSP) or Fair Remunerative Price (FRP) is under consideration of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Rajasthan has requested to bring any crops within the ambit of MSP or FRP;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has taken any decision on the request of the Government of Rajasthan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Average income of farmers**

2898. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of per capita average monthly income of farmers in the country during 2018 and 2019, State-wise;

(b) whether any survey to ascertain the average income of farmers in the country has been conducted during the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government has taken to ensure comfortable income for farmers?

**Utilisation of funds under PM-KISAN scheme**

2899. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme during 2018-19 and 2019-20, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether only 37 per cent of allocated funds under the scheme has been utilised so far during 2019;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for low spending of the allocated funds?

**Funds allocated under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture**

2900. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds released under the said scheme during the last three years, State-wise including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of funds spent/unspent under the above scheme, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government has achieved the desired objectives of the scheme?

#### **Utilisation of funds under PMKSY**

2901. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds released under the said scheme during the last three years, State-wise including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of funds spent/unspent under the above scheme, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government has achieved desired objectives of the scheme?

#### **Investment in agriculture sector**

2902. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government needs to double the investment in agriculture sector as the demand for food, driven by a high population growth and dietary shifts, is expected to grow by 50 per cent by 2030;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the country needs to curtail the erosion of agricultural land due to conversion of land for other purposes; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

#### **Lack of awareness on PMFBY**

†2903. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of

the farmers are deprived of the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) whether it is also a fact that farmers are not availing the benefits of such welfare scheme due to lack of awareness;

(c) the reasons for farmers not availing the benefits of the scheme despite extensive loss of crops in the country due to flood, drought and other natural calamities; and

(d) whether Government would consider to publicise this scheme extensively so that farmers would become aware of this scheme and avail the benefits of the same?

#### **Amount released from NDRF to States**

2904. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by the Central Government through National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to drought-struck States of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Gujarat and Karnataka in the last five years;

(b) whether there is any criteria to decide the amount to be approved against the amount demanded by the respective States, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of times droughts has been declared as 'severe' and 'moderate' by the above-mentioned States in the last five years?

#### **Production of fruits and vegetables**

2905. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks second in the

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world in production of fruits and vegetables;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether production of fruits and vegetables is adequate to meet the domestic demands, if so, the details of demand and production of fruits and vegetables during last three years in the State of Punjab;

(d) details of quantum of fruits/vegetables exported to foreign countries during the last two years, year-wise, category-wise; and

(e) whether Government has initiated any scheme to increase the production of fruits and vegetables in various States of the country, including Punjab, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Impact of climate change on crop yield**

2906. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether climate change impacts the yield of crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken or plans to take any steps to protect farmers from the consequences of climate change; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Training to farmers on scientific methods of agriculture**

2907. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided training to farmers on scientific methods of agriculture; and

(b) if so, whether farmers have been provided information in this regard, if so, the details of the districts in which the programme is being implemented, State-wise?

#### **Settlement of claims under PMFBY in Maharashtra**

2908. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present, there is no relationship between crop insurance and crop failure in Maharashtra and farmers are highly agitated due to anomalies in PMFBY like the cumbersome claim procedure;

(b) if so, whether Government would seriously review the crop insurance scenario in the country;

(c) whether Government would also consider individual farmers as the unit instead of revenue circle or village; and

(d) the quantum of claims settled under PMFBY in the last three years in Maharashtra and the premium collected during the same period?

#### **MSP for crops**

2909. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) on various agricultural produces in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the crops on which MSP have been announced during the last three years; and

(c) the details of mechanism in place to ensure that the benefit of MSP reaches the farmers?

**Crop loss due to use of spurious pesticides**

2910. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has estimated the quantum of loss of crops due to use of spurious pesticides;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to develop organic fertilizers by involving private sector in view of harmful effects of chemical fertilizers;

(c) if so, the funds allocated by Government during 16th Lok Sabha to encourage organic farming and to improve the quality of soil;

(d) whether Government has achieved the desired targets in this regard;

(e) whether Government is also emphasising on agriculture-based vocational training programmes to improve crop-yield ratio; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Non-utilisation of resources allocated under PM-KISAN Yojana**

2911. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is unable to utilise a large portion of the resources allocated to be spent under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measure being taken by Government to enumerate small and marginalised farmers to ensure proper distribution of resources;

(d) whether Government is aware of

reports that the number of farmers has been estimated wrongly;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the steps being taken to ensure that the enumerations of farmers for this scheme is done accurately?

**Promotion of FPOs**

2912. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is promoting Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to encourage small, medium and marginal farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that about 5000 FPOs are being formed by various organisations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Funds released to Madhya Pradesh for Soyabean crops**

†2913. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state the details of action taken on proposals of Government of Madhya Pradesh dated 4th May, 2019 and 23rd April, 2019 regarding funds for Soyabean crops of Kharif season of 2018 and Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)?

**Farm logistics cost reduction**

2914. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans

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to reduce the distribution logistics cost in farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Schemes to encourage organic fertilizers**

2915. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes and plans of the Ministry to encourage the use of organic fertilizers;

(b) the total amount and combination of chemical fertilizers that is used in the crops per year in the country, the details thereof; and

(c) the measure undertaken by the Ministry to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers, weedicides and herbicides in the country?

**Working of Kisan Seva Kendras**

†2916. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kisan Seva Kendras operating in the country are deviating from their objective and are working only for the benefit of selected influential farmers which has led to frustration among the small and marginal farmers;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would consider developing a mechanism to enhance access to the Kisan Seva Kendras operating in the country, along with the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage-wise shortage of human resources at Kisan Seva Kendras currently operating in the country?

**Protection of crops from wild animals**

†2917. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA  
UIKEY:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Ministry to protect the crops of farmers from wild/stray animals;

(b) whether the Ministry would consider setting up Animal Refuge Centres for such animals so that the crops are protected from these animals; and

(c) the details of mechanism put in place to compensate the loss of crops caused by such animals and the funds provided to farmers out of this head during the last three years?

**Productivity of agriculture**

2918. SHRI HARNATH SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH  
TOMAR:  
LT. GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS  
(RETD.):

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DR. AMEE YAJNIK:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that small farmers are facing the problems of land degrading, water logging and problems related to quality of soil due to which productivity is falling day by day, making agriculture unprofitable;

(b) if so, whether Government has carried out any study to find out the farming problems of small farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

#### **Scarcity of agricultural land**

2919. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
LT. GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS  
(RETD.):  
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any action to isolate agricultural land from other lands like industrial, residential and institutional lands as there is a fast conversion of agricultural land into the above-mentioned types of lands and in near future there might be a scarcity of agricultural land for farming which might finally lead to huge food crisis in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the strict actions taken by Government to prevent this practice?

#### **Total production of fertilizer in BVFCL**

2920. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of fertilizer in the Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL);

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to set up more units in BVFCL; and

(c) the total income of BVFCL?

#### **Sale of Hindustan Antibiotics Limited**

2921. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to sell off the Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Setting up of new Janaushadi Kendras and sale of suvidha napkins**

2922. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry plans to open new Janaushadi Kendras in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the targets of the Ministry for setting up new Kendras across the country in the current financial year and the progress made in this regard;

(c) the details of the sales of Suvidha sanitary napkins in Janaushadhi Kendras across the country since 2018-19, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to increase awareness among the public of the availability of Suvidha sanitary napkins at subsidized prices at Janaushadhi Kendras?

#### **Drop in production of urea**

2923. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of urea has dropped for three consecutive years since 2016-17;

(b) if so, the reason therefor and the action proposed by Government thereto;

(c) the impact of National Urea Policy (NUP) 2015 and the modified NUP 2018 on the production and on the manufacturing units of urea therefor; and

(d) the detailed plan for revival and/or sale of closed fertilizers units of the country?

#### **Promotion of plastic parks**

2924. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Plastic Parks' set up in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government will take steps to decrease the production of plastic due to its environmental hazard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the justification for promotion of Plastic Parks?

#### **Modernization of existing rake points**

2925. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

fact that due to non-availability of required infrastructure at existing rake points, lack of new rake points and two-point rakes, supply of fertilizers and its distribution is affected a lot in Odisha;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government has taken any steps to modernize the existing rake points which is a long pending demand of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the State of Maharashtra**

2926. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) opened so far in the State of Maharashtra and presently functional in the State;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up JAKs in every Block and Gram Panchayat of the State within a time-frame; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Status of NIPERs**

2927. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) details of funds allocated for construction of campuses and infrastructural facilities for the existing National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), and the progress of the construction of campuses;

(b) whether the Ministry plans to introduce undergraduate courses at these institutes as recommended by NITI Aayog, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that several faculty posts still remain vacant in these institutes, if so, the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) details of any other steps taken by Ministry to ensure that NIPERs function at their full potential?

#### **Progress on PMBJP Scheme**

2928. DR. VIKAS MAHATME:  
SHRIMATI VIJILA  
SATHYANANTH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan-Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Scheme since May, 2019;

(b) the number of new stores that have been opened under the scheme in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by Department of Pharmaceuticals to facilitate citizens in locating PMBJP stores?

#### **Production of fertilizer**

2929. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:  
SHRIMATI VIJILA  
SATHYANANTH:  
DR. VIKAS MAHATME:  
DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) quantity of different types of fertilizers produced in the country, plant-wise, company-wise and year-wise during last three years;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to set up new urea/fertilizer units;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether proposal of Government would help in ensuring the overall growth and development of fertilizer sector, if so, details thereof;

(e) whether Government has made any assessment regarding reduction in import of fertilizer in country after commissioning of the project; and

(f) details of present stage of all the projects with financial and physical progress made so far along with the companies executing these projects?

#### **Huge subsidy burden for fertilizers**

2930. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:  
SHRIMATI VIJILA  
SATHYANANTH:  
DR. VIKAS MAHATME :  
SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is incurring huge subsidy on fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details of subsidy given by Government to various fertilizer companies in the public, private and co-operative sectors in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise;

(c) whether the farmers are not benefited by the grant of subsidy to the fertilizer companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Industrialization of backward areas of the country**

2931. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified

industrially backward States/regions/districts in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to formulate any specific policy/scheme for these States to create a favorable investment environment and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to formulate any scheme for setting up of industries in backward areas of the country; and

(d) if so, the other steps being taken by Government for industrialization of backward areas of the country?

#### **Impact of withdrawal of GST**

2932. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United States of America withdrew special status of India under the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) Scheme;

(b) if so, the revenue impact on Indian exporters; and

(c) whether any efforts have been made to restore the status?

#### **Concerns of seafood exporters**

2933. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian seafood exporters fear non-tariff barriers by China, currently one of the main buyers of Indian shrimp, with India opting out of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP);

(b) whether China has been buying shrimp directly from India this year after it

cracked down on the illegal border trade with Vietnam; and

(c) whether China has started to check Indian consignments for White Spot Syndrome Virus (WSSV) which they have never done before and if so, whether this could be a prelude to impose non-tariff barriers by China incensed with India's opting out of the RCEP?

#### **Protection of India's interests in RCEP**

2934. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deliberations and agreements arrived at in the recently concluded Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) meeting;

(b) how interests of India have been protected in RCEP;

(c) whether India has any advantage with regard to services if it joins RCEP;

(d) whether India entered goods agreement with ASEAN countries without entering into agreement on services; and

(e) if so, how India is going to correct this and how China is going to address RCEP problems raised by India?

#### **e-Commerce penetration into rural and uncovered areas**

2935. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is the fastest growing e-Commerce market in the world;

(b) if so, the details of growth during the last five years and the current year, year-wise and compound annual growth;

(c) whether Ministry found any bottlenecks which are hampering further growth of e-Commerce in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and how Ministry is planning to clear those bottlenecks; and

(e) how Ministry is going to help e-Commerce penetration into rural and uncovered areas?

#### **Record keeping of GI infringements**

2936. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government keeps records of infringements of registered goods taking place under Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999; and

(b) whether measures have been taken by Government to prevent such infringements, the details thereof?

#### **India being the startup hub**

2937. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's startup ecosystem has made it the world's third largest startup hub;

(b) whether a new report by National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) titled 'Indian Tech Startup Ecosystem' says that investment in startups were steady at 4.4 billion US dollars in January-September 2019 across 450 startups at a 5 per cent year-on-year growth; and

(c) whether according to the report, many of the incubators and accelerators

are active outside tier-1 cities, creating around 4,00,000 direct jobs during the last five years, with the year 2019 alone accounting for more than 60,000 jobs?

#### **Impact of SAFTA on bicycle industry**

2938. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has undermined the rules of origin of the South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) with regard to the bicycle industry;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to resolve the undermining of the Agreement through appropriate dispute settlement mechanism along with the details thereof;

(c) if no steps are taken, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry has studied the impact of SAFTA on the bicycle industry; and

(e) the steps taken to increase the productivity and competitiveness of the domestic bicycle industry and its ancillary industries?

#### **Changes in DFIA Transferability scheme**

†2939. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has made any changes in the Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) Transferability scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and State-wise details of beneficiaries for the last four years; and

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(c) the eligibility criteria to avail the benefits on the exports extended under DFIA Transferability scheme for the exportable commodities for which Standards of Input Output Norms (SION) have been suspended?

#### **Import of mobile phones**

2940. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of mobile phones and its accessories imported in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) whether Government proposes to promote the setting up of more manufacturing factories by mobile companies in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether Government proposes to levy additional duties on import of mobiles and its components and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government to encourage the indigenous mobile manufacturers?

#### **Policy on FDI**

†2941. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the differences between the advanced policy and revised policy on Foreign Direct Investment; and

(b) the details of the major benefits therefrom?

#### **Predatory pricing by e-Commerce companies**

2942. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of predatory pricing being practiced by e-Commerce companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the companies identified with predatory pricing; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to stop e-Commerce companies resorting to predatory pricing practice?

#### **Mandatory hallmarking of gold**

2943. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hallmarking of gold is going to be made mandatory;

(b) if so, whether hallmarking is going to be made mandatory for all grades;

(c) the reasons for not bringing 20 carat gold under hallmarking norms;

(d) the number of hallmarking centres in the country, State-wise;

(e) whether it is a fact that the above centres are not able to cater to the needs of the country; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to increase the number of such hallmarking centres?

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### **Irregularities in PDS**

2944. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints of corruption/irregularities in Public Distribution System (PDS) received during 2018 and 2019 till date, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the details of action taken against these complaints, State-wise and year-wise?

### **Disposal of consumer grievances**

2945. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the first five companies that topped the list of consumer complaints received on the Government's national helpline set up to resolve the grievances of consumers;

(b) the number of grievances resolved by these five companies; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to issue guidelines to companies urging them to focus on the quality of products and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Financial crunch in sugar industry**

2946. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugar industry has been suffering from financial crunch across the country during the last three years and the current year, if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether sugar mills have not paid dues to sugarcane growing farmers during the said period, forcing such farmers to commit suicide, if so, details thereof along with the dues to farmers and number of farmers who committed suicide during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of sugar mills closed/declared sick across the country during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

### **Modalities of Price Stabilisation Fund**

2947. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of essential food items have increased during the current year, if so, details thereof, food item-wise and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has finalized the modalities of Price Stabilisation Fund, if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the Fund;

(c) whether the role of hoarders/black marketeers in increase of prices of essential food-items has come to the notice of Government during the said period, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by Government to stabilise/decrease the prices of essential food-items to protect the interests of common man?

### **Computerization of fair price shops**

†2948. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government is working on computerization of all fair price shops across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the additional steps taken by Government to ensure direct benefit transfer to the beneficiaries under Public Distribution System (PDS); and

(c) whether Government proposes to make Aadhaar card necessary instead of mandatory for availing subsidized foodgrains under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), if so, the details thereof?

#### **Starvation deaths**

†2949. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has laid down the definition of deaths caused by starvation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and parameters adopted for laying down the said definition;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of incidents reported regarding deaths due to starvation during last four years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(e) whether the Ministry has analysed the reasons responsible for starvation deaths, inspite of existing system of distribution of subsidized rations to the poor through PDS, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Procurement of wheat in Madhya Pradesh**

†2950. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER

AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any procurement limit could be set for the procurement of fair average quality (FAQ) wheat from farmers at Minimum Support Price as per procurement policy of wheat;

(b) if so, the rule under which maximum limit for wheat procurement has been decided for Rabi marketing season 2019-20 in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the said policy is contrary to the interest of farmers;

(d) whether action is being taken to remove the condition of maximum procurement limit in order to provide maximum benefits to the farmers; and

(e) by when this system is likely to be changed?

#### **Unrestricted surge in food prices**

2951. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that as per Bloomberg survey, retail inflation was at 4.35 per cent in October, 2019 while food inflation rose to a high of 7.89 per cent in October, 2019 against 5.11 per cent a month ago;

(b) whether any official assessment has been conducted regarding the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of measures taken by the Ministry to address the unrestricted surge in food prices?

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### **Procurement of paddy**

2952. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated steps for paddy procurement in the country, including Telangana by ensuring and fixing MSP thereof;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise during the last three years; and

(c) the cooperation of farmers in this regard so far?

### **Selling of food items at malls, cinema halls and luxury hotels at exorbitant rates**

2953. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that malls, cinema halls and luxury hotels sell food items at exorbitant rates way above the MRP;

(b) whether the Ministry is also aware that pricing of food items sold in malls, cinema halls and luxury hotels is far more than that of the same products sold outside in markets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for different prices for the same product in malls, cinema halls and luxury hotels?

### **Development of new system for measurement of weight**

2954. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

would develop a prototype of one kilogram in next three years that will be in sync with the new definition of kilogram which is coming into effect from next May across the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the new scientific standard of kilogram will help in accurate measurement which will immensely benefit sectors such as pharma and precious metals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Shortfall in production of onion**

2955. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has assessed the stock position of onions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any shortfall in production of onions or its supply in the market is expected in the coming months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor along with the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

### **Construction of godowns in Konkan region of Maharashtra**

†2956. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any initiative has been taken by the Food Corporation of India to construct godowns in the districts of Konkan region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the details of works carried out by Government in this direction so far?

#### **Surplus stock of rice and wheat**

2957. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a stock surplus of rice and wheat with FCI;

(b) the total demand for stock, State/UT-wise;

(c) the reasons for huge surpluses with FCI;

(d) whether the reports that the surplus stock is to be sent as humanitarian aid to other countries are true; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Safe storage of foodgrains**

2958. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that procurement of foodgrains has touched new heights in the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has ensured the safe storage of increased foodgrains procured by constructing adequate storage godowns across the country including in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Disposal of cases by consumer courts**

2959. SHRI RAKESH SINHA:  
SHRI BINOY VISWAM:  
SHRI K. J. ALPHONS:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of consumer courts in the country and the number of cases which have been disposed of by them in the last five years;

(b) the number of cases which have been filed for violation of consumer's interests;

(c) the number of persons who were penalised for violating the norms during last five years, year-wise; and

(d) the reasons for low rate of disposal of such cases?

#### **Mandatory hallmarking of gold**

2960. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:  
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH  
TOMAR:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any action to make hallmarking of gold mandatory in the country, if so, the process which is to be followed for the seamless implementation of BIS hallmarking of gold mandatory; and

(b) the details of the action taken in this regard?

#### **Quality of tap water being supplied in metro cities**

2961. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:  
SHRI HARNATH SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH  
TOMAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to set up any process or any procedure to check the quality of tap water which is being supplied in the national capital as well as in other major metro cities of the country; and

(b) if so, the action taken and procedures followed in this regard?

**Sale of counterfeit products through e-commerce websites**

2962. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:  
LT. GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS (RETD.):  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to check the counterfeit/duplicate copies of the branded products which are being sold on the e-commerce websites like Amazon, Flipkart, etc.; and

(b) if so, the proactive mechanisms and powerful tools which are followed by Government to identify, block and remove counterfeits from being sold on different online shopping portals in the country?

**Rise in price of onion**

†2963. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of onion is increasing continuously in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps Government has taken to control the rising prices of onion;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government has lifted the ban on export of 'special onion' *i.e.* Rose onion; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Use of bullocks and milch cattle in traditional farming**

†2964. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain whether the use of bullocks in traditional cultivation has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether farmers' income has come down drastically due to collapse of cattle market meant for purchase of bulls and milch cows used in traditional farming and whether farmers are under economic pressure due to this; and

(d) whether Government would take necessary steps to promote the use of bullocks and sale-purchase of cows in traditional farming as practiced earlier?

**Special plans to motivate persons engaged in river/lake/pond fishing**

2965. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special

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plans to motivate persons engaged in river/lake/pond fishing and provide incentives for keeping them commercially alive in this field; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the incentive schemes provided to support river/lake/pond fishing in the country, particularly in Telangana?

#### **Livestock Census-2019**

2966. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently released the Livestock Census-2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that indigenous cattle numbers continue to decline in spite of Government's efforts to promote conservation of indigenous breeds through the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM);

(d) if so, the details thereof including Government's reaction thereto;

(e) whether the poultry population rose nearly 17 per cent to 851.81 million and the total birds in the backyard poultry jumped 46 per cent to 317.07 million in 2019;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Plan to achieve targets of Blue Revolution programme**

2967. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks second in fish

production in the world and if so, the quantity of fish exports and the amount of foreign exchange earned from these exports during the last five years and the current year;

(b) the total amount of funds allocated by Government in the current year to achieve the target of Blue Revolution;

(c) the details of the plan prepared in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the basic facilities being provided by Government to encourage small and medium farmers for fish farming?

#### **Provision of appropriate treatment for animals**

†2968. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are strong possibilities of giving wrong treatment to animals due to lack of facilities for blood, faecal and urine tests for animals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any action plan to establish laboratories for blood, faecal and urine tests in each of the development blocks to provide appropriate treatment to animals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Vaccination of livestock against FMD**

2969. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds released for the vaccination of livestock against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in the month of September and October, 2019;

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(b) the number of livestock vaccinated till 1st November, 2019 under the scheme, out of the targeted 500 million;

(c) whether districts pan-India will be covered under the scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Release of pending subsidy amount to Odisha**

2970. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Directorate of Fisheries, Government of Odisha for release of subsidy liability amounting to ₹300 lakh under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture (Fresh Water Aquaculture)" is pending with the Ministry;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would provide this amount to clear up the pending subsidy of eligible beneficiaries of the State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Animal Disease Control Programme**

†2971. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any scheme for Animal Disease Control Programme for eradicating Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis in the livestock;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of fund allocated during

the last three years and current financial year, scheme-wise?

#### **Production of milk**

†2972. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to take steps to increase milk production keeping in view the future demand for milk;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **New projects under PMKSY**

2973. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several new projects were sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of projects sanctioned, tied up grant-in-aid and estimated leverage of private investment in these projects, State-wise?

#### **Performance of consultants and advisors in the Ministry**

2974. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full-time consultants

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and/or advisors who are currently working with the Ministry and its various Departments and Autonomous Bodies/ Institutions and Public Sector Organisations associated with it as of 31st August, 2019;

(b) since when they are working and the total amount of honorarium/salary/fees being paid to them, the Department/ Institution-wise details; and

(c) the mechanism, if any, of assessing their performance periodically?

#### **Creation of jobs in Mega Food Parks**

2975. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Mega Food Parks built under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana till 1st November, 2019, State-wise;

(b) the number of direct/indirect jobs created out of the 5,30,500 mentioned under the scheme till 1st November, 2019, State-wise, gender-wise and caste-wise;

(c) the details of the jobs created in rural-urban areas; and

(d) the amount of funds utilised out of the ₹6,000 crore allocated till 1st November, 2019, State-wise?

#### **Schemes of the Ministry to strengthen PRIs**

†2976. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented to strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and State/Union Territory-wise details of funds released for these schemes during the last five years;

(b) the steps taken by Government to strengthen and to delegate more power to PRIs; and

(c) whether Government proposes to provide the facility of internet, telephones and libraries to Panchayats as part of 'Digital India Programme' in various States of the country?

#### **Reservation for women in the PRIs**

2977. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of States in India have reservation for women in the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs);

(b) if so, the names of the States as well as the percentage of reservation in such States; and

(c) whether there is any proposal from Central Government to increase reservation for women in the PRIs in India?

#### **States which are yet to give effect to PESA Act, 1996**

†2978. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the States of India which have not yet enacted rules/provisions/legislation to implement the provisions of Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) (PESA) Act, 1996;

(b) the States where population of tribal community is relatively higher; and

(c) the details of the States which have not yet formulated relevant laws under the Panchayati Raj system in compliance with Section 4(k), 4(l) and 4(m) of PESA Act?

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**Proposal to set up industries under  
RGSA scheme**

2979. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has proposed to set up Industries under Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme which would be based on local resources and local products available in the panchayat area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has recognised such panchayats in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Details consultants/advisors working  
in the Ministry**

2980. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of full time consultants and/or advisors currently working with the Ministry and its various Departments and Autonomous Bodies/Institutions and Public Sector Organisations associated with it as of 31 August, 2019;
- (b) since when are they working and what is the total amount of honorarium/salary/fees being awarded to them, the Department/Institution-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the mechanisms, if any, for assessing their performance periodically?

**Status of stations redeveloped under  
various schemes**

†2981. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stations, of the 594, 637 and 1253 stations selected under Model, Modern and Adarsh Station Schemes for their redevelopment by Government respectively that are in the process of being redeveloped and by when their redevelopment would be completed;

(b) the criteria for selection of stations by Government under Adarsh Station Scheme;

(c) by when new stations would be selected under Adarsh Station Scheme after the year 2019-20 and the number of stations which would be selected for the same; and

(d) by when this process would be completed?

**Status of conditions of ROB in Uttar  
Pradesh**

2982. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of Road over Bridge at Anjhi Shahabad and Sandila stations of Hardoi district in Uttar Pradesh is long overdue and pending;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the progress of the projects; and

(c) the anticipated time for completion of the above project?

**Punctuality of trains**

†2983. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the average percentage of trains running and reaching their destination on scheduled time;

(b) the year-wise percentage of

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punctuality performance of trains during the last five years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the punctuality of trains is deteriorating continuously?

**Ensuring safety of railway bridges**

2984. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there are more than 37,000 bridges with the Indian Railways which are more than 100 years old;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to ensure the safety of such bridges across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Introduction of superfast trains on Delhi-Mumbai route**

2985. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any plan to introduce superfast trains like Tejas Express on Delhi-Mumbai route;

(b) if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether total capacity for passengers on Rajdhani Express and other superfast trains on Delhi-Mumbai route is inadequate; and

(d) if so, the steps that are being taken to introduce more superfast trains like Rajdhani Express/Tejas Express on the route?

**Lack of rail connectivity in Odisha**

2986. SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large area in Odisha is still deprived of rail connectivity and that the people and their representatives are demanding rail connectivity in their respective areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise; and

(c) the time by when the work on these projects are likely to be started?

**Sabari rail project**

2987. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Sabari railway project to cater to the need of pilgrims going to Sabarimala; and

(b) the total estimate for the project and the amount provided in the current year's budget?

**Many vacant posts in Railways despite recruitment**

2988. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways have a sanctioned strength of 15,06,598 employees, of which 12,23,622 personnel are on the rolls, leaving 2,82,976 vacant posts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that with the current drive to recruit 1,51,548 people, 1,31,428 posts will still be vacant;

(d) whether it is also a fact that an estimated 53,000 and 46,000 employees will retire in 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively, creating about 99,000 additional vacancies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Upgrading Kozhikode station to international standards**

2989. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have taken measures to upgrade some railway stations including Kozhikode in Kerala and develop them to international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status in this regard;

(c) the details of developers who have shown keenness in this project; and

(d) whether the progress in this regard is delayed and if so, the reasons therefor?

**Rail accidents in 2018-19**

2990. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that safety has been given the highest priority and the year 2018-19 saw the lowest ever rail accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that just 0.3 per cent of India's railway tracks spread over 60,000 km. is fit to handle trains running at the speed of upto 160 kms. per hour; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Renewal of tracks in 2018-19**

2991. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways carried out record number of renewal of tracks in 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Railways have set a target to complete the renewal of old rails; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Pending railway projects in Tamil Nadu**

2992. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects under implementation in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the status of those projects along with the estimated cost, expenditure incurred and the scheduled date of their completion;

(c) the reasons for cost escalation and time escalation in those projects; and

(d) whether any timeline is fixed for completion of all these projects including provision of sufficient funds in the budget, the details thereof?

**Provision of free Wi-Fi at railway stations**

2993. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations where Wi-Fi services are proposed to be provided, State-wise;

(b) the names of service providers with whom agreement has been signed for providing free Wi-Fi services at railway stations along with the details of conditions prescribed in the agreement;

(c) whether the Ministry has any data regarding the percentage of people using free mobile Wi-Fi service at present and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total fund allocated by Government so far for providing free Wi-Fi service at railway stations?

#### **Services outsourced to private entities in Railways**

2994. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the different services that have been outsourced to private entities by the Ministry of Railways;

(b) the resultant change in the prices of these services for individual customers owing to outsourcing of these services; and

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to maintain a complaints redressal mechanism for all these outsourced services?

#### **Funds allocated for Madurai-Vanchimaniyachi-Tuticorin line**

2995. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated sufficient funds for Madurai-Vanchimaniyachi-Tuticorin doubling and electrification work for the year 2019-20;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the works that are proposed to be undertaken with the outlay for the year 2019-20; and

(d) the tentative time by when the work is likely to be completed?

#### **Stoppage of trains at station in Bihar**

2996. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways would take steps for stoppage of trains between Delhi and Kolkata in Begusarai in view of the large number of passengers in comparison to neighbouring stations;

(b) whether Railways would agree to have stoppage of Avadh Express in Lakhminia station (Begusarai, Bihar) and elevate the station from E to D category in view of the number of passengers and population of Lakhminia; and

(c) whether Government would increase the hour of functioning of reservation counter from two hours to eight hours in view of huge rush for reservation in Lakhminia?

#### **Status of railway projects in Odisha**

2997. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways had previously sanctioned a missing link of 50 km. between Buramara (Odisha) to Chakulia (Jharkhand);

(b) if so, whether the above-mentioned project has been dropped;

(c) whether the survey for 42 km. line between Bangriposi and Gorumahisani has been completed; and

(d) if so, has the project not been sanctioned by Railways citing low rate of return?

**Cost of Vande Bharat Express as compared to imported trains**

2998. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Integral Coach Factory Staff Council, Chennai is unhappy that the production of Vande Bharat Express has been stopped with a view to import expensive trains from other countries;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether importing rail will cost around ₹ 250 crore against ₹ 90 crore for production of Vande Bharat Express; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Inventorisation of dead stock and valuation arrived at for disposal**

2999. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways have taken any concrete measure to prepare inventory of dead stock and calculate the value for disposal to clean up the stores, godowns, workshops, yards, open spaces, etc. in the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor duly considering that disposal of dead stock may fetch huge money which could be utilised for useful purposes?

**Timely payment to sugarcane growers**

3000. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount outstanding and

total amount paid to sugarcane-growing farmers in Uttar Pradesh by State-owned and private sugar mills for purchasing of sugarcane in the last three years; and

(b) whether Government has made any comprehensive policy to ensure timely payment to sugarcane growing farmers by the State-owned and private sugar mills in the country?

**Appointments made against employees who opted for VRS**

†3001. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise details of the appointments made from the families of employees *in lieu* of their retirement under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in the Departments of the Ministry during the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that relaxations were given against many rules or the rules were changed for such appointments; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that irregularities have been found by CAG in the investigation of such appointments?

**Progress of Delhi-Alwar *via* Mewat train service**

†3002. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no progress has been made so far in the much awaited Delhi-Alwar (Rajasthan) train service *via* Mewat, Haryana;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to convert Delhi-Alwar (Rajasthan) train service *via* Mewat, Haryana to MEMU service; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Railway action plan for Ayodhya city**

†3003. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any action plan for development of Ayodhya city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Railways propose to build a 'Railway Holiday Home' in Ayodhya, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Outstanding payment burden of Railways**

3004. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have huge outstanding payments to diesel and electric power supply companies and also that the State Electricity Boards and NTPC increase the tariffs arbitrarily, adding to the burden of Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Message on tickets of senior citizens**

3005. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for Railways printing the message on senior citizen's tickets "Are you aware that 43 per cent of your fare is borne by the common citizens of the country"; and

(b) whether the Ministry propose to take down this message and whether it considers such message as hurtful to the senior citizens?

**Ongoing railway projects in Andhra Pradesh**

3006. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various ongoing railway projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh including Kurnool Midlife Coach Factory (MCF), project-wise and their present status;

(b) the details of funds allocated to the Kurnool MCF since its inception and the reasons for delay in executing the project;

(c) the number of railway projects lagging behind the scheduled completion, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to complete the projects at an early date, the details thereof?

**Creation of online FIR filing facility**

3007. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways is considering to start a facility for passengers to file FIRs online;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that about 24,000 cases of theft are registered by railway passengers annually; and

(d) if so, whether the online registration facility will help more passengers to lodge their theft claims?

**Pending railway projects in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**

3008. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of railway projects under implementation in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) the status of those projects along with the estimated cost, expenditure incurred and the scheduled date of their completion; and

(c) the reasons for time and cost escalation and details of timeline fixed for completion, with provision of adequate funds in the budget?

#### **Free W-Fi service by RailTel**

3009. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:  
SHRIMATI KANTA  
KARDAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RailTel is turning railway stations into digital hubs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that RailTel is considering to provide free WiFi to many more stations across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Primary medical assistance for sick passengers**

†3010. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA  
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SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of providing first aid

medical care available to passengers who may suddenly fall sick during the course of journey at stations and on trains at present;

(b) the details of such passengers who fell sick and died during the course of their journey during the last five years; and

(c) the number of cases of negligence registered in the treatment of sick passengers at railway stations during the last five years and the details of action taken thereon?

#### **Cleanliness and privacy issues in non-AC coaches**

3011. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS  
(RETD.):  
SHRI HARNATH SINGH  
YADAV:  
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure maintenance of cleanliness in non-AC coaches including the toilets;

(b) whether the privacy of the passengers is largely compromised in the non-AC coaches of the trains as anyone including different vendors selling their products can enter into the trains with bad intentions; and

(c) if so, the details of the actions taken by Government on ground level on this issue?

#### **Restoration of lakes under MGNREGA in Telangana**

3012. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:  
Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Telangana

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has linked works relating to the restoration of lakes with MGNREGA in view of the prevailing acute drought conditions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the works taken up so far?

#### **Social registry for welfare schemes**

3013. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:  
DR. NARENDRA JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is working on a social registry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the proposed social registry will track welfare schemes better, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has sought help including technical or financial support from World Bank to implement the project, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry plans to build the social registry using the data from Census 2021 and how will it supplement the SECC; and

(e) the estimated timeline for launching the social registry?

#### **DISHA scheme**

3014. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise progress of District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) initiative;

(b) the progress of schemes in West Bengal after introduction of DISHA; and

(c) the State-wise details of meetings of the DISHA Committee headed by Lok Sabha MPs?

#### **Sewage Treatment Plants**

3015. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 70 per cent of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) are not functioning properly in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount spent for STPs during last three years, State-wise?

#### **Revision in wages of MGNREGA workers**

3016. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of budgetary fund allocated for the current year for MGNREGA scheme;

(b) the amount of fund being released till date, along with the details thereof;

(c) the number of workers benefited out of it, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to revise wages of MGNREGA workers to address the slowdown in the rural economy, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Status of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana**

3017. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of individuals from rural India who have received training under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), State/UT-wise details, and district-wise details of

Haryana with gender, caste, religion-wise breakup;

(b) the number of individuals who have been placed after receiving training under DDU-GKY, State/UT-wise details and district-wise details of Haryana with gender, caste and religion-wise breakup; and

(c) the details of the project implementing agencies involved in this project, State/UT-wise details thereof?

#### **Widening the scope of MGNREGA**

3018. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has widened the scope of activities under MGNREGA on account of unemployment being at its highest;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons Government is not increasing its expenditure on the MGNREGA, on account of its failure to produce jobs;

(c) whether the Ministry has made an effort to maintain a State-wise database of the number of people getting timely payments of their MGNREGA jobs; and

(d) if so, the details of those initiatives and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Implementation of recommendations of Nagesh Singh Committee**

3019. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons that Government has not implemented the recommendations of the Nagesh Singh Committee to revise the MGNREGA wage rate using the Consumer Price Index—Rural Labourers, instead of Consumer Price Index—Agricultural Labourers;

(b) the various reasons due to which MGNREGA wage payment transactions get rejected and the measures being taken to avoid the rejection of wages payment transactions; and

(c) whether there is any plan to introduce machines in MGNREGA, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Wasteland of the country**

3020. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 1/6th of total geographical area of the country is a wasteland;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States in which the wastelands have decreased and the States in which wastelands have increased as compared to previous estimation?

#### **Skill training under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana**

3021. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide remunerative employment to the rural population, particularly from the BPL and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe category, through skill training programmes conducted under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons belonging to the BPL and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe category who were provided initial skill training under the said programme, State-wise?



**National Rural Livelihood Mission**

3022. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the National Rural Livelihood Mission;

(b) the steps that have been taken in the field of sustainable agriculture; and

(c) how Government propose to address the issue of NPA, in the bank linkage scheme of the mission?

**Employment under MGNREGA**

†3023. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people given employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the last five years, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the reasons for the decline in percentage of the people getting employment under MGNREGA;

(c) whether Government is taking any step to provide employment to the maximum number of people for the maximum number of days under MGNREGA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Allowing use of machines under MGNREGA**

3024. SHRI VAIKO:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have asked for

allowing use of machines in work done under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), apart from manual labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government;

(c) whether rules would be relaxed to allow use of machines for digging ponds and other construction work in rocky terrain in States, in addition to manual labour; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Garbage collected under Swachchhata Abhiyan**

3025. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:  
DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the system in place for disposal of garbage collected under the cleanliness drive (Swachchhata Abhiyan);

(b) whether the disposal of garbage collected under Swachchhata Abhiyan is being done as per conventional method and dumped garbage spread again here and there; and

(c) the number of modern plants setup for disposal of garbage during the last five years?

**Lack of awareness among youth in skill development programmes**

3026. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent survey by the World Economic Forum (WEF) indicates a lack of

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awareness among 70 per cent of youth in Government-run skill development programmes, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what percentage of youth in India perceive the lack of professional guidance in identifying jobs to be the main obstacle in securing a desirable job, if so, the reasons and remedies therefor; and

(c) whether any State-level skill development programme has received any national or international award like "Utkarsh Bangla" of West Bengal, which received a champion project award under the aegis of the United Nations?

#### **Targets of Skill India Mission**

3027. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Skill India Mission launched and the corpus fund provided;

(b) whether the targets fixed for each year were achieved, in the last three years;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, with details thereof;

(d) whether new industrial training courses including electronic vehicle courses are proposed to be introduced at Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), across India;

(e) if so, the details thereof, and by when these courses would be operational; and

(f) the number of youth expected to be trained under the Skill India Mission in the current year and the next two years, with details thereof?

#### **Employment opportunities abroad**

3028. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people skilled, year-wise, during the last five years;

(b) are the people being skilled with a special focus on employment opportunities abroad; and

(c) how many of these skilled persons have found employment abroad?

#### **Impact of skill development training**

3029. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed youth who got skill training across the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the trained youth got jobs after the skill training, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any study conducted to assess the impact of training on students who received the skill enhancement training?

#### **Connecting skill with enterprise**

†3030. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy and action plan to connect skill to enterprise in the country; and

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(b) the State-wise details of financial assistance for creating entrepreneurship and employment through various disciplines of skill education training?

**Setting up of polytechnics in Rajasthan**

3031. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has requested for sanction to set up 15 new Government polytechnic colleges and 26 women hostels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Rajasthan has sought any financial assistance to set up the said colleges and hostels;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has sanctioned any amount for this purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Skill development training to farmers**

†3032. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers imparted skill development training related to agriculture by Government, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether information about new techniques of disposal of stubble from the fields was also imparted to the farmers by Government; and

(c) if not, whether no such arrangements are there?

**Wrong assessment of ITIs**

†3033. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of ITIs remain closed owing to wrong assessment submitted by officers inspite of their having adequate resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds released for being granted to ITIs in the current financial year?

**Employability rate of PMKVY**

3034. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the employability and the entrepreneurship rate of the youth trained under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) at all India level;

(b) the employability and the entrepreneurship rate of the youth trained under the PMKVY in West Bengal; and

(c) the steps taken by Ministry to ensure that the persons trained under PMKVY get employed or start their own venture?

**Skill development training**

3035. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched

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any scheme to provide skill development training to minority communities, especially in North Eastern State of Assam, if so, details thereof;

(b) funds allocated by Government for this purpose;

(c) number of students of North Eastern region, especially Assam, being imparted skill development training by various Ministries and Skill Development Ministry during last three years and current year;

(d) details of targets set and achievements made under each of said schemes;

(e) whether Government has received any proposal from various North Eastern States, if so, details thereof; and

(f) other steps taken by Government to improve skill development in North Eastern region?

#### **Skill development centres in Gujarat**

†3036. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skill development centres functioning with associated partners under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in Gujarat, district-wise;

(b) the number of persons enrolled for getting training and the number of persons being trained in above mentioned skill development centres at present;

(c) whether Government has talked to some organisations to ensure that youth who pass out from the above-mentioned training centres, get employment, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the details of efforts made to expand employment sector for above mentioned successful young people?

#### **Scheme for fishermen going to high seas**

3037. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to help fishermen going to high seas and meet with any accidental death or injury due to natural calamities like storm, etc.;

(b) whether there is any insurance scheme for fishermen, if so, premium collected from fishermen and the amount of insurance cover, the details thereof; and

(c) the share of State Governments and Central Government under this scheme?

#### **Assessment of quality of engagement and employment under skill development programmes**

3038. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a policy of assessment of quality of engagement and employment received after various skill development programmes of Government; and

(b) if so, the feedback of such assessment?

#### **Placement percentage and median salary under PMKVY**

3039. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the placement percentage and median salary for the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal

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Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) over the last three years;

(b) the sector-wise details of employment under the PMKVY;

(c) whether the trained individuals are gaining employment overseas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the national trainer to trainee ratio in the PMKVY?

**Setting up of Skill Development Institutes**

†3040. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:  
Will the Minister of SKILL

DEVELOPMENT AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering setting up of Skill Development Institutes on the lines of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs);

(b) if so, whether Government is considering setting up Skill Development Institutes in the State of Gujarat as well; and

(c) if so, the number of such institutes along with locations thereof and by when these are to be established and if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 7th December, 2019*  
*Agrahayana 16, 1941 (Saka)*

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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